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FOLLOWING REPEAT PEKING 1289 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO MADRID,
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1289

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CH AG CB UN US

SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

REF: PEKING 1165 (NOTAL)

1. FURTHER DETAILS ARE NOW EMERGING IN PEKING OF PROPOSED
PRC-ALGERIAN-GRUNK SCENARIO FOR PRESSING GRUNK CAUSE AT
UNFA SESSION THIS FALL (RETEL). ACCORDING TO SPANISH
AMBASSADOR SANZ-BRIZ, QUOTING UNNAMED INFORMED SOURCES,
THINKING OF PRO-SIHANOUK PROTAGONISTS RUNS AS FOLLOWS:

A) AS PRESIDENT OF UNGA, BOUTEFLIKA WILL TAKE CARE
TO CALL FOR VOTE ON KHMER REPRESENTATION ISSUE IN SUCH
A WAY AS TO ASSURE THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WILL BE PRESENT,
UNLIKE SITUATION LAST YEAR WHEN SEVERAL PRO-SIHANOUK
DELEGATIONS WERE UNAWARE VOTING WAS TAKING PLACE AND
HENCE WERE ABSENT FROM UNGA FLOOR. THESE TACTICS, IT IS
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BELIEVED, WITH SUPPORT OF PRC AND OTHER STRONG SIHANOUK

BACKERS, WILL ASSURE UNSEATING OF RKG DELEGATION AND SEATING OF GRUNK DELEGATION AS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF CAMBODIA.

B) SIHANOUK WILL THEN PERSONALLY GO TO NEW YORK TO ADDRESS UNGA ON SCORE OF LEGITIMACY OF HIS REGIME AND LON NOL'S LACK OF SAME.

C) EXPECTATION IS THAT ONCE GRUNK VICTORY IN UNGA HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND SIHANOUK IS ON HAND TO SPEAK OUT ON CAMBODIAN ISSUES, THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL NO LONGER VOTE IN FAVOR OF PROVIDING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GKR. THIS IN TURN WILL LEAD TO COLLAPSE OF LON NOL GOVERNMENT.

2. SANZ-BRIZ EXPRESSED OPINION (POSSIBLY HIS OWN OR POSSIBLY DERIVED FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER DIPLOMATS) THAT CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST LEADERS WITH REAL POWER SUCH AS KHIEU SAMPHAN WERE NOT UNALTERABLY OPPOSED TO TALKS WITH OTHER SIDE. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT DEAL WITH GOVERNMENT HEADED BY LON NOL AND HIS CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND IN ANY CASE WOULD WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS AT UNGA BEFORE CONSIDERING TALKS. HOLDRIDGE UNQTE KISSINGER

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